

**CHAPTER NO. 55**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 789**

**By Representatives Fowlkes, West**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 629**

**By Senator Haynes**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-702, relative to disposal of outdated municipal records.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-702, is amended by designating the current language as subsection (a) and by adding the following new language, to be designated as subsection (b):

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the governing body of any municipality may by resolution authorize the disposal of any permanent paper record of the municipality when the record has been photocopied, photostated, filmed, microfilmed, preserved by microphotographic process, or reproduced onto computer or removable computer media, including CD-ROM disks, in accordance with §10-7-121. Other records of the municipality may be disposed of when the retention period that is prescribed in the retention schedule used by the municipality has expired. For purposes of this subsection, disposal includes destruction of the record. A municipality may adopt reasonable rules and policies relative to the making, filing, storing, exhibiting, copying and disposal of municipal records.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: April 14, 2003**

  
JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2003**

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR